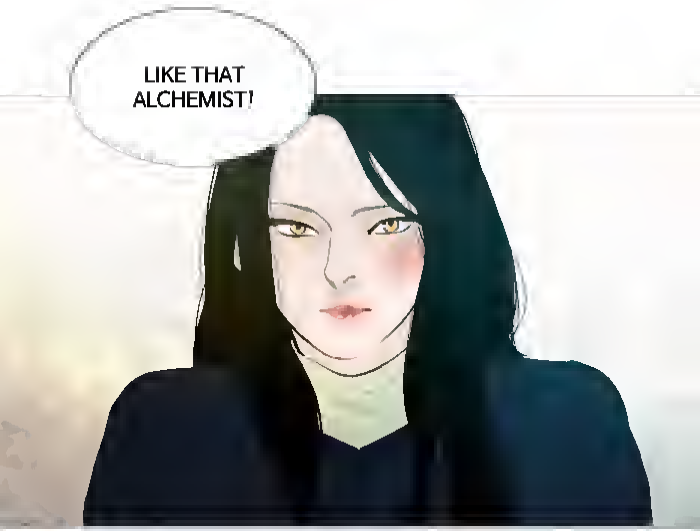
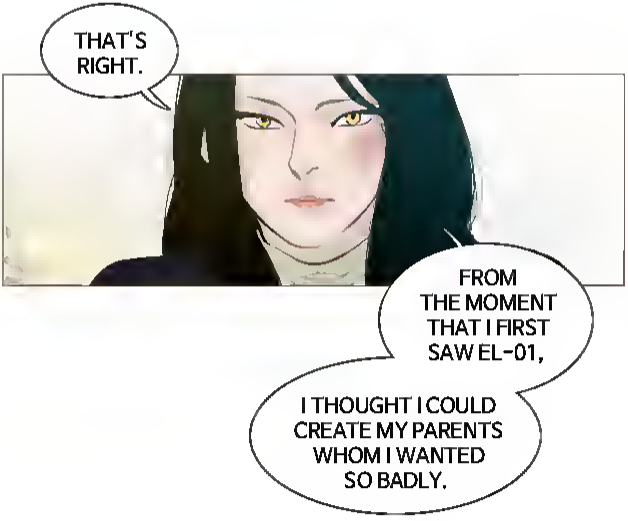
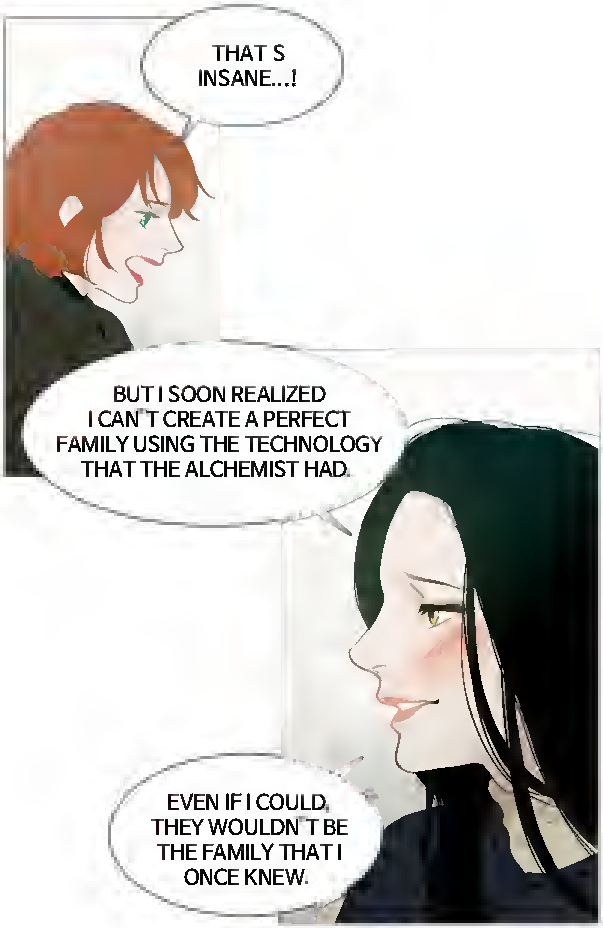
WAIT...
YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON DOING ANYTHING WEIRD LIKE USING WINTER TO BRING SOMEONE BACK FROM THE DEAD, RIGHT?

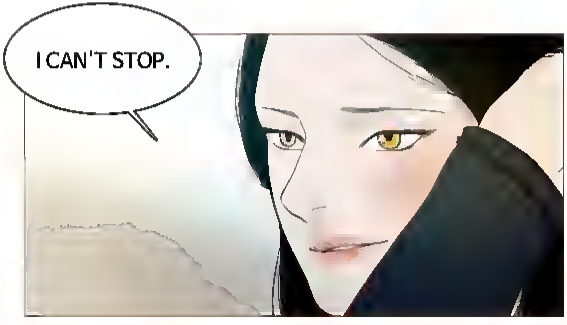

LIKE THAT ALCHEMIST!

Winter Woods


THAT'S RIGHT.
FROM THE MOMENT THAT I FIRST SAW EL-01,
I THOUGHT I COULD CREATE MY PARENTS WHOM I WANTED SO BADLY.

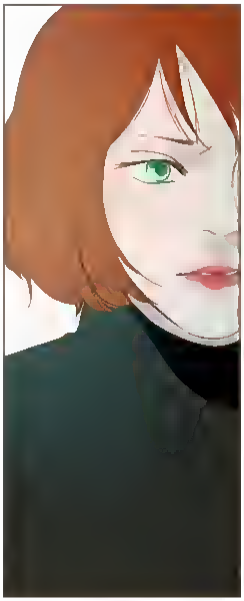

THAT S INSANE...!
BUT I SOON REALIZED I CAN T CREATE A PERFECT FAMILY USING THE TECHNOLOGY THAT THE ALCHEMIST HAD.
EVEN IF I COULD, THEY WOULDN T BE THE FAMILY THAT I ONCE KNEW.

THEN STOP IT NOW. IF THERE'S NO CHANCE OF IT COMING TRUE, SHOULDN'T YOU STOP?
I CAN'T.


I CAN'T STOP.

THAT S WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ALCHEMIST WHO MADE WINTER TOO.
AT FIRST, HE WANTED TO CREATE A FAMILY OR WHATEVER. BUT THEN HE LOCKED HIMSELF UP IN HIS OWN WORLD AND LOST SIGHT OF THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF HIS EXPERIMENT AND WENT NUTS.
YOU RE JUST LIKE HIM.

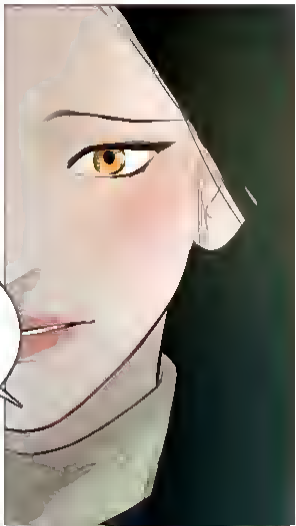
WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT BEING THIS KIND OF PERSON?
SNEER

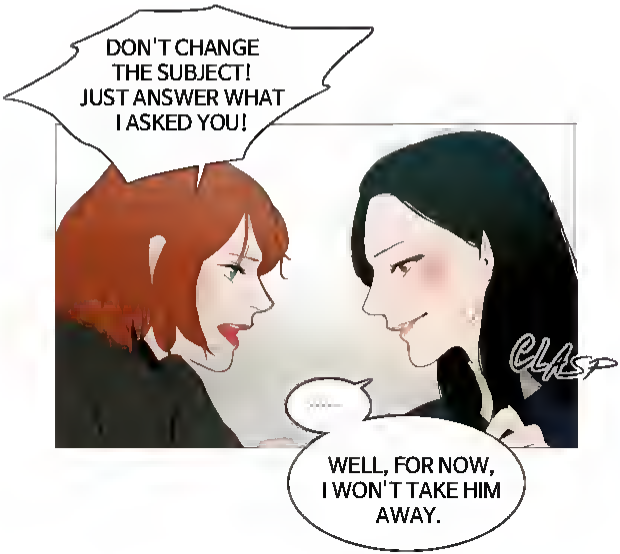


...SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO TAKE WINTER BACK?

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD GET SO ATTACHED TO IT.

THAT'S WHY I JUST STOOD BY AND WATCHED EVEN WHEN YOU HELD EL-01 IN YOUR ARMS, OR WHEN HE SAID HE LIKED YOU.



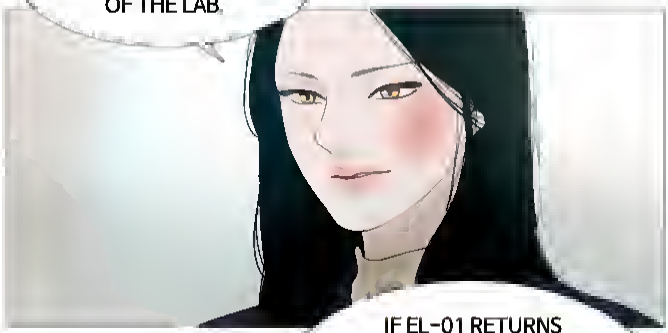

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT! JUST ANSWER WHAT I ASKED YOU!
CLASP
.....
WELL, FOR NOW, I WON'T TAKE HIM AWAY.

BUT YOU'LL TAKE HIM BACK SOMEDAY, HUH? DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO HAND HIM OVER TO YOU THAT EASILY?
SURE. GO AHEAD AND TRY TO STOP ME.
IF YOU DO WELL ENOUGH, I MIGHT EVEN GIVE UP.

HOWEVER.

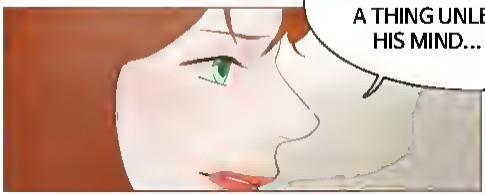
EVEN IF I GIVE UP,
IT'S GAME OVER IF EL-01
RETURNS TO ME OF HIS
OWN FREE WILL.

IF HE DOES,
THEN HE BECOMES
ENTIRELY THE PROPERTY
OF THE LAB.



IF EL-01 RETURNS
TO ME ON HIS OWN,
THAT'S HIS OWN CHOICE
ARISING FROM HIS FREE WILL.
SO YOU COULDN'T DO
ANYTHING ABOUT IT,
RIGHT? JANE.

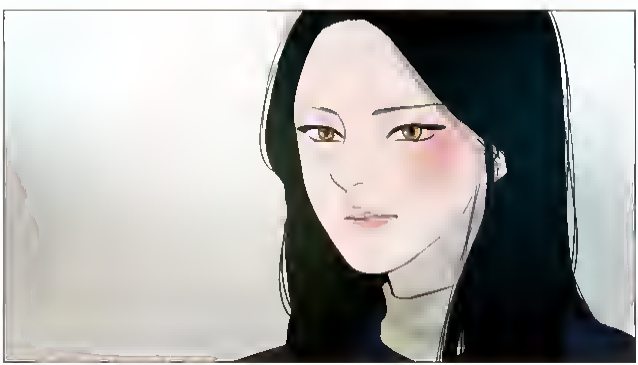
THERE'S NO WAY
HE WOULD DO SUCH
A THING UNLESS HE LOST
HIS MIND... RIGHT...?



THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S NO WAY
WHEN SEEN ONLY FROM THE CURRENT SITUATION, THAT IS.

SO AS LONG AS WINTER DOESN'T CHOOSE TO GO TO YOU...
AND I MAKE YOU GIVE UP...

HE CAN KEEP STAYING HERE?



FINE.
I THINK IT'S SETTLED. SO I'M LEAVING.
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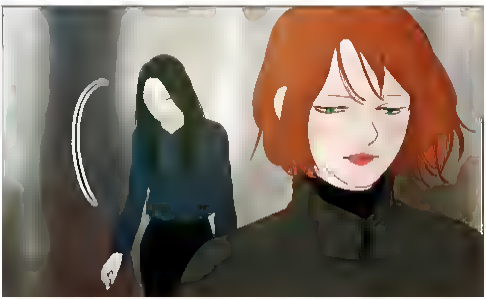
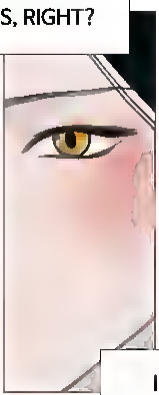


JANE, YOU ASKED ME WHY I CHANGED LIKE THIS, RIGHT?



I DON'T KNOW WHEN I BECAME LIKE THIS EITHER.

YOU PROBABLY EASILY UNDERSTAND WINTER AND ROY'S PERSPECTIVE, RIGHT?

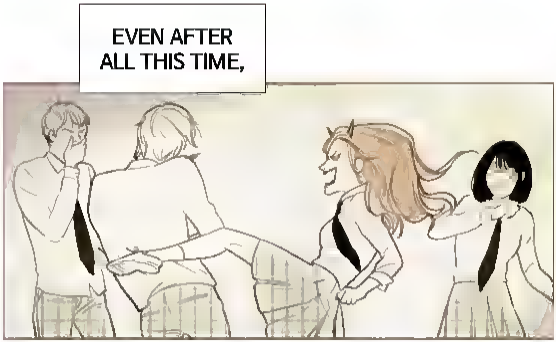
BUT I UNDERSTAND PAINFULLY WELL THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CREATOR WHO MADE THEM.

SO MY WILL CANNOT CHANGE.

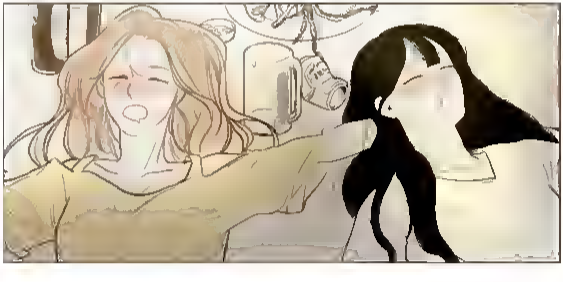
THAT'S RIGHT.
MAYBE I WAS DELUDED THIS WHOLE TIME.

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

TEARY
TEARY


EVEN AFTER
ALL THIS TIME,

EVEN THOUGH
WE SPENT SO MUCH
TIME TOGETHER,



I WAS NEVER A
FRIEND TO SARAH.

STILL....

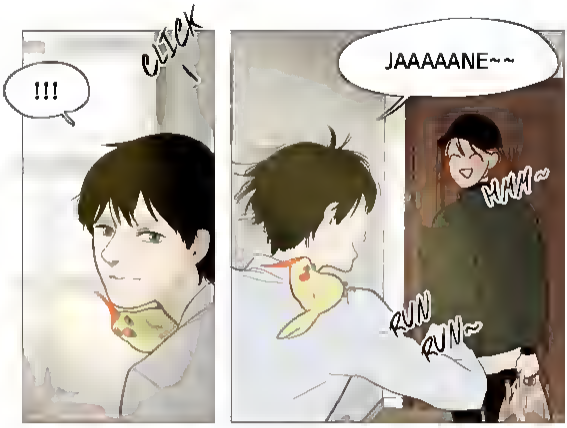
I THOUGHT THAT I COULD GET THROUGH TO YOU WITH SINCERITY....

BUT I GAVE YOU,

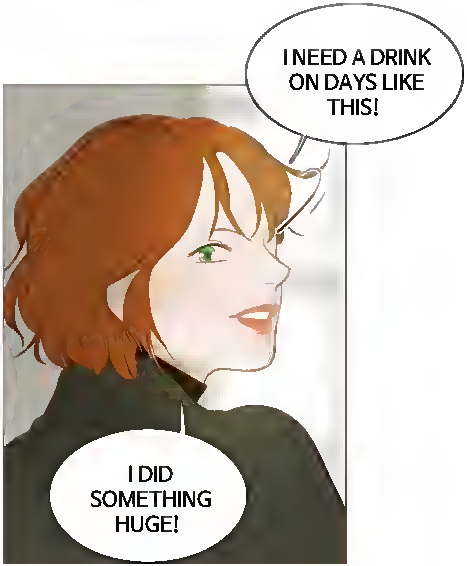
AND YOU GAVE ME

A WOUND THAT CAN NEVER BE WASHED AWAY.

...SAME FOR WINTER.


!!!
click
JAAAAANE~~
HWA~
RUN
RUN~

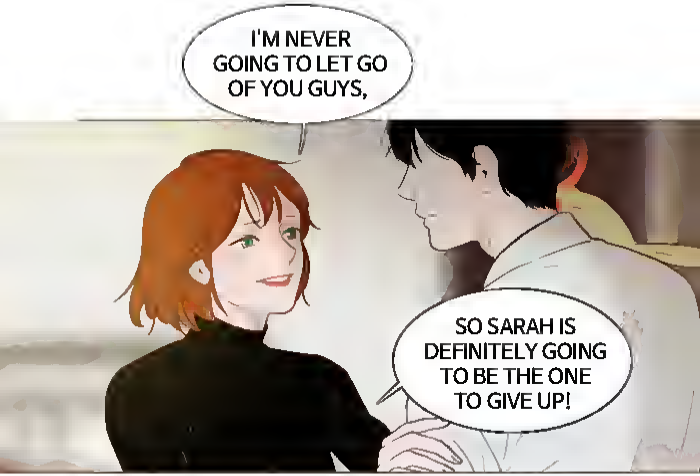
DID YOU DO WHAT YOU NEEDED TO DO?
OF COURSE~
BUT WHAT'S WITH THE ALCOHOL? IT'S STILL DAYTIME.

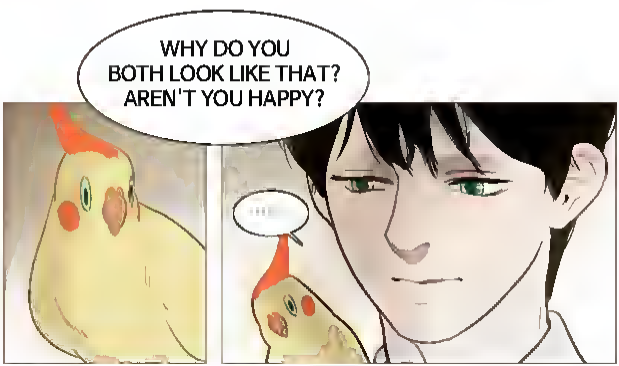

I NEED A DRINK ON DAYS LIKE THIS!
I DID SOMETHING HUGE!

WHAT IS IT...?
I'M KIND OF NERVOUS...

I WENT AND DECLARED WAR ON SARAH.
I TOLD HER THAT I WOULD NEVER LET HER HAVE YOU GUYS.
!!
WHAT?!

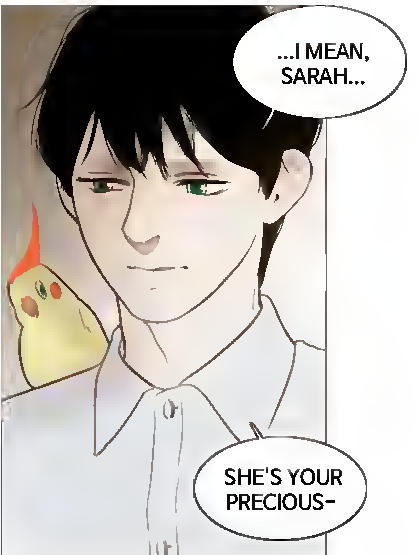
TAP
WHISH
THEN SHE SAID THAT SHE MAY GIVE UP ON YOU GUYS DEPENDING ON WHAT I DO.
NOT A BAD RESULT, RIGHT?

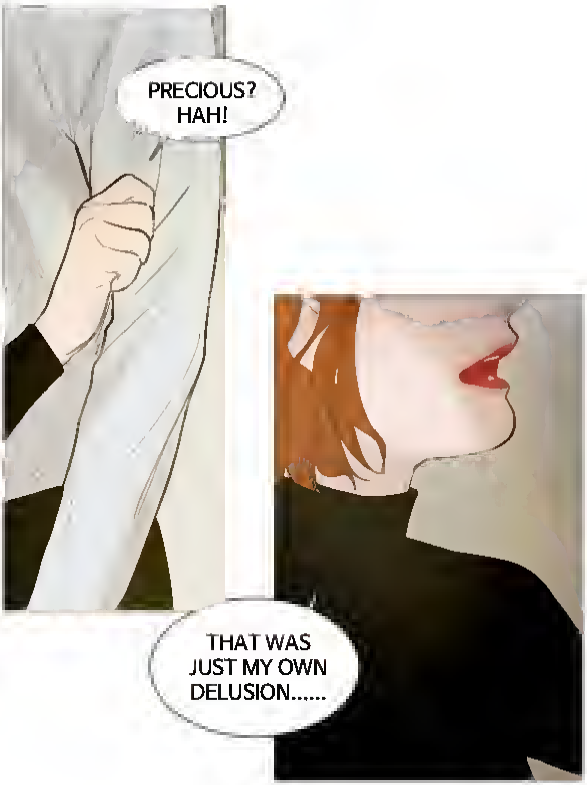

I'M NEVER GOING TO LET GO OF YOU GUYS,
SO SARAH IS DEFINITELY GOING TO BE THE ONE TO GIVE UP!


WHY DO YOU BOTH LOOK LIKE THAT? AREN'T YOU HAPPY?
...

...ARE YOU OKAY, JANE?

WHAT? ME?

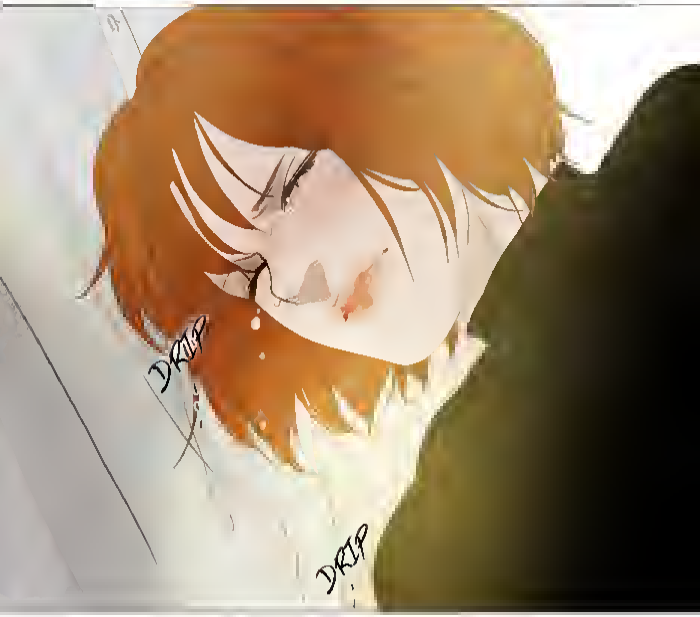

...I MEAN, SARAH...
SHE'S YOUR PRECIOUS-


PRECIOUS?
HAH!
THAT WAS
JUST MY OWN
DELUSION.....

JUST...
A DELUSION...

JANE...

...IT MUST HAVE BEEN
A HARD CHOICE TO MAKE,
BUT THANK YOU.


DRIP
DRIP

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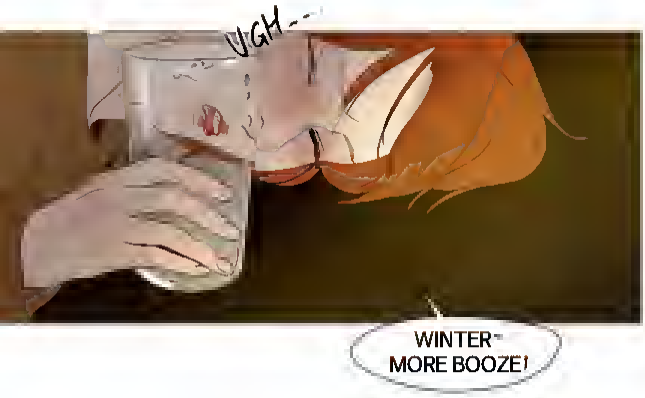
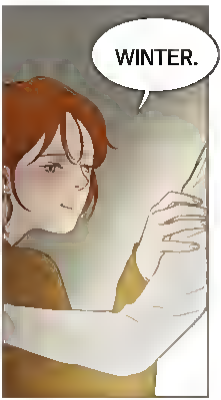
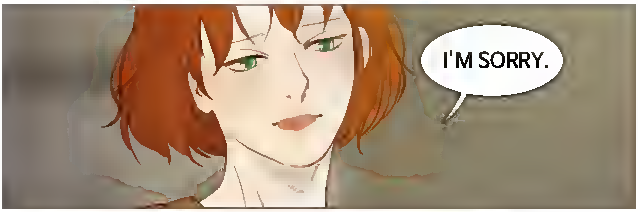

UGH...
WINTER~
MORE BOOZE!

WINTER~
IS THERE ANY
BOOZE LEFT?
SNOOORE~
SNOOORE...
NOT A CHICKEN

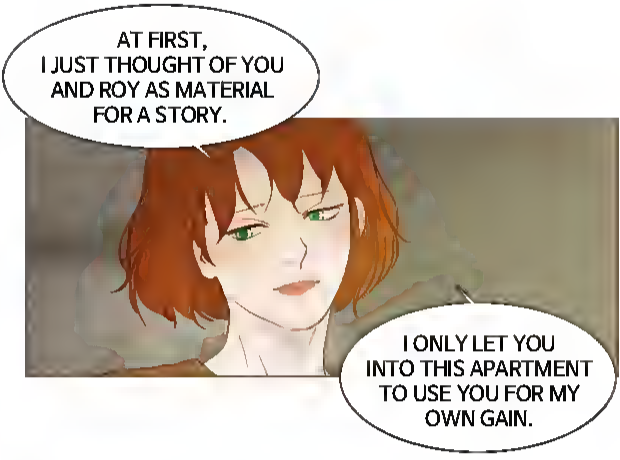
HM? I NEED SOME MORE~
WE DON'T HAVE ANY, JANE. SO JUST GET SOME REST NOW.


WINTER.

YES. JANE?

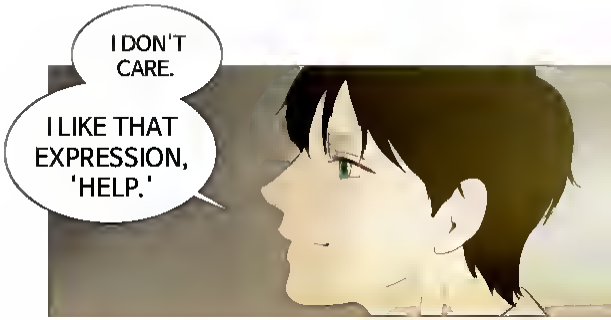

I'M SORRY.

FOR WHAT?


AT FIRST,
I JUST THOUGHT OF YOU
AND ROY AS MATERIAL
FOR A STORY.
I ONLY LET YOU
INTO THIS APARTMENT
TO USE YOU FOR MY
OWN GAIN.

THE GOALS MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT, BUT I WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PEOPLE AT THE LAB TOWARDS YOU AND ROY.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
BUT I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT NOW I'M DIFFERENT FROM THEN.
THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, I JUST FEEL SO SORRY. IT REALLY HURTS ME TO THINK ABOUT.
JANE.
IT'S THE SAME WITH ME.

I COULD ALSO BE LIKE A NIGHTMARE TO SOMEONE.
I'M NOT JUST AWARE OF IT.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU...
AND I TRIED TO USE YOU TOO, JANE
SINCE I ONLY WANTED TO LEARN FROM YOU WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ALIVE JUST UNTIL SPRING
BUT YOU TOLD ME, JANE.
WHEN A RELATIONSHIP IS FORMED WHERE TWO PEOPLE USE EACH OTHER, THAT MEANS THAT THEY'RE HELPING ONE ANOTHER.
I WAS JUST SAYING THAT TO PERSUADE YOU-


I DON'T CARE.
I LIKE THAT EXPRESSION, 'HELP.'

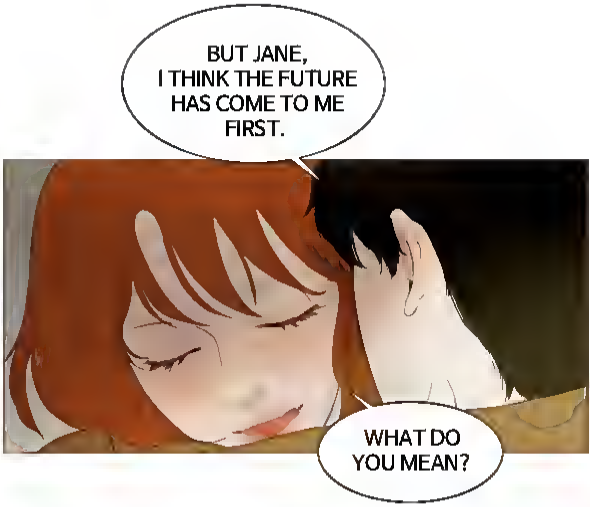
THAT STILL DOESN'T RESOLVE THIS...!
I'VE MADE A MUCH BIGGER MISTAKE THAN YOU THI-
JANE.

MISTAKES AROSE FROM THE PAST,
BUT SINCERITY IS FOUND IN THE PRESENT, AND IF THE PRESENT KEEPS BUILDING UP LIKE THAT,
PIT
PIT
I THINK THAT THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE FORGIVENESS SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE.

YOU AND I MAY HAVE BOTH DONE WRONG TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE PAST, BUT WE'RE LIVING IN THIS MOMENT.
THANKFULLY, I CAN SEE THE PRESENT YOU RIGHT NOW.
I CAN SEE YOUR SINCERITY.

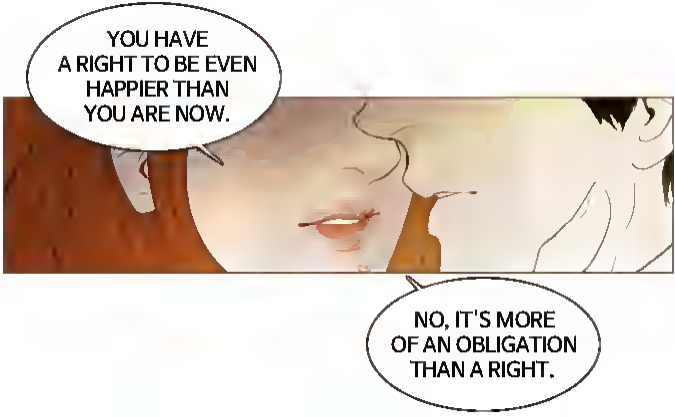
...I FEEL YOUR SINCERITY, TOO.
CLASP
I'M SURE THAT I'LL BE HAPPY IF I'M WITH YOU.
I'M CERTAIN OF IT.

THEN ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS WAIT FOR OUR HAPPY FUTURE.
SQUEEZE.
AND THAT FUTURE WILL DEFINITELY COME SOMEDAY.


BUT JANE,
I THINK THE FUTURE
HAS COME TO ME
FIRST.
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

I'M ALREADY
EXTREMELY HAPPY
EVEN NOW.

SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE BEING HAPPIER IN THE FUTURE.


YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE EVEN HAPPIER THAN YOU ARE NOW.
NO, IT'S MORE OF AN OBLIGATION THAN A RIGHT.

AN OBLIGATION TO BE ABSOLUTELY HAPPY.

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